

ANOTHER advantage of the present variety of spring weather is that it retards the grass growth, postponing the evil day of the lawn mower.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Showers tonight and probably Friday; slowly rising temperature.

ONE HUNDRED MILLION MORE FOR THE U.S. NAVY

Austrians Swoop Down On Italy—Did American Sympathizers Send Money For Irish Revolt?

AUSTRIAN HORDE IS SWOOPING ON ITALY

300,000 Center Force on 35-Mile Front.

Big War Interest Swings to New Battle Line.

ATTACK ALPS STRONGHOLDS War Experts Say Austrian Offensive Can't Succeed.

Italian Frontier Forts Acme of Engineering Skill.

FRENCH TAKE GERMAN FORT

Capture Position on Verdun Front After Severe Fight.

Austrian Aeroplanes in Series of Raids Near Venice.

Amsterdam, May 18.—Three hundred thousand Austrian troops concentrated on a 35-mile front, are striking against the Italian line in the Tyrolean Alps in the most determined Austrian offensive against Italy of the war.

The official dispatches transmitted from Vienna contain no hint as to the exact nature of the operations. Several Berlin military critics intimated today that the Austrians are developing a great offensive and are bent on the invasion of northern Italy.

The fighting has spread eastward from the Adige river valley across the Alpine peaks and rocky plateaus. The Austrians have been driven southward on a five-mile front extending from Piazza to the upper Adige valley. The Vienna war office claims the capture of Zignatorpa, south of Rovereto, though the Italian war office reports the repulse of heavy Austrian attacks at this point.

Bodies Float Down River. The losses in the three days of severe fighting have run well into the thousands. The Italian official dispatch reports that many enemy bodies have been swept down the swiftly flowing Adige river.

The military critic of the Berlin Morgen Post, declares that the Austrian victories apparently are of more than local significance.

"For some time it was known that heavier fighting was beginning along the whole front," said the Berlin critic. "The entire front from the Isone to Lake Garda has been set in action. The Austrian attack in Tyrol has apparently developed on a wide front."

"Austrian troops have achieved in this one victory more than the Italian forces have in a year for the Italians at the time succeeded in capturing Austrian positions on a 25-mile front."

Italians Quit Advance Positions. Paris, May 18.—The attack launched by the Austrians against the Italian front in the southern Tyrol which has gradually extended to the entire Austro-Italian front is being followed here with close attention. It is generally believed in military circles that the great Austrian offensive which has been expected for some time has at last begun. No importance is attached to the falling back of the Italian advance lines which is considered a strategic move as they were not strong enough to resist an attack on a large scale.

Italians Fully Prepared. French military authorities are satisfied that the Austrians are doomed to failure. It is pointed out the Austrians have made every possible preparation for just such an attack as the present one that the most powerful defenses engineering skill could devise have been prepared on the Asiago plateau and in the mountains north-west of Asiago. It is on this line that the Austrians are expected to make their real thrust in even the Austrian continue to push their offensive.

Heavy Fighting at Verdun. Paris, May 18.—Several attacks were made by German troops on the Verdun front last night in an effort to capture a redoubt at Avoourt. The official statement of today says the Germans were repulsed each time and that they lost heavily.

French troops after severe fighting captured a German fort on the north-east slope of Hill 264.

Air Raids Near Venice. Rome, May 17, via Paris, May 18.—An official dispatch from Italian headquarters at Udine reports that Austrian aeroplanes are displaying great activity and have made several attacks on towns in the vicinity of Venice. It is stated that these attacks have caused insignificant material damage, that no lives have been lost and no military results accomplished.

ARMS FOR IRISH REVOLT BOUGHT BY U. S. MONEY

Sixteen Thousand Pounds Came From American Sources.

Funds Paid for Arms and Printing of Circulars.

NATHAN GIVES INFORMATION

Former Secretary for Ireland on Stand Today.

Testifies Government Knew of Coming Rebellion.

London, May 18.—From testimony developed today at the hearing opened by the royal commission to inquire into the Irish rebellion, it appeared that the government had received advance information of preparation for an uprising with help from German sources. The testimony was given by Sir Matthew Nathan, who resigned as under secretary for Ireland after the rebellion broke out.

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The former under secretary gave this testimony in the course of a long statement outlining the formation of the national volunteers, of which he declared a small section only had shown themselves disloyal, the leaders of the section having issued a manifesto declaring that Ireland should provide for its own defense and indicating an intention to establish a free national government of Ireland.

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BONDS IN DEMAND VICTOR, HENRY AND ME, FACTOR IN CONVENTION

Commissioner Wasson Has Long List of Applicants

For the Coming Issue of City Paving Securities.

REQUESTS REACH \$150,000

Denomination of \$100 Is Proving Great Favorite.

All Banks Will Take Part in the Distribution.

Finance Commissioner Wasson is receiving daily many requests for the bonds which the city will issue for the paving to be done this summer, from Topeka citizens. A long list of those who have made requests for the bonds lies in the desk of the commissioner and a review of the list reveals the fact that the requests come from citizens in all walks of life and the amounts desired range from \$100 to \$5,000.

The deluge of applications was stimulated by the article on the first page of Tuesday's State Journal calling attention to the opportunity of the small investor.

One noticeable fact was the large number of those desiring the "baby" bonds, or those in denominations of \$100. This class represents the shop workman, clerk, office boy, father who want to start their little one with a small savings account, and the small merchant.

The grand total of requests made, which included many prominent business men, so far is close to \$150,000, and indications are that the entire issue will be absorbed "over the counter" as it were, before the date set for final sale.

Many women investors are on the list and this class usually asks that the \$500 bonds be reserved for them. All of the banks and trust companies in Topeka will receive an allotment of the bonds, which bear interest at 4 per cent and are not subject to tax, except the federal income tax. It has been the practice for the past few years, to have the city bonds in the hands of one trust company, but this practice will be abolished, it is stated, hereafter, and each bank in Topeka desiring some of the bonds will have allotted to them a certain amount.

Until the State Journal exposed this old custom this week, it was practically impossible for any bank to handle these gilt edged, desirable city bonds. No company but the Prudential Trust company handled them. The other banks could not get them, unless they were stamped "P. T. Co.," and that was naturally not agreeable to the banks.

In this way each bank can serve its own customers without the formality of having to request a trust company to issue to them the desired amount. The bonds will be ready for delivery within the next sixty days, it is stated.

This tremendous demand means the city can place all these bonds at 4 per cent now, during the easy money market and make the big saving of 1/2 of one per cent on all these bonds for the full time of twenty years, or until they mature or are refunded. Now's your time, gentlemen commissioners. The State Journal will take \$2,000 of them at 4 per cent; they are better than gold dollars because they are transferable like a five dollar bill, and, mind you, draw interest.

Feared Military Act. The royal Irish constabulary was considered strong enough to cope with disorders, the witness continued. Sir Matthew Nathan declared that the fear that the military service act would be applied to Ireland induced a number of the national volunteers to join the Sinn Fein movement so that at the beginning of the disturbances there were 18,000 hostile volunteers throughout Ireland, of whom 3,000 were in Dublin.

Considerable sums of money, he said, had been coming from America, the funds being used for the purchase of arms and the printing of seditious papers and leaflets. It was estimated, he added, that 18,000 pounds had been received from America.

Dispute Control. Militia Has Competition in Alabama Boozie Raid.

Twenty-Two Deputies Take Charge When Guards Are Off.

Girard, Ala., May 18.—Conflict of authority promised today to continue to be an outstanding feature in the wholesale liquor raids begun yesterday by 22 special deputies and ending last night with state guardsmen in control of this town. The raids ended last night at 6 o'clock and could not be resumed under state law until 5 o'clock this morning. At 5 o'clock the militia was withdrawn.

The deputies again took charge and proceeded with the raiding. The guardsmen, it is stated, will be placed on duty again tonight at 6 o'clock. More than \$100,000 worth of liquor was confiscated.

LUTHERANS FOR UNITY

All Norwegian Branches Discuss Consolidation—Secession Threatened.

VICTOR, HENRY AND ME, FACTOR IN CONVENTION

Famous Triumvirate a Power With Moosers at Chicago.

"Hen" and "Vic" Are on Delegation—"Me" To Be Named.

600 PROGRESSIVES TO TOPEKA

Most of Counties of State Represented in Big Gathering.

Select 13 Delegates and 13 Alternates to the National.

That now famous great triumvirate—"Victor, Henry and Me"—will at least be factors in the Progressive national convention in Chicago in June. Henry J. Allen and Victor Murdock, both of Wichita, may be the two delegates at large from this state, while there is every indication that William Allen White, national committeeman for this state, will be re-elected if the Progressives vote to continue business at the old stand.

With the faces of three national characters on the Kansas delegation, this state will be a real factor in the national gathering of Bull Moose pilgrims. White declares he does not desire a place on the delegation to Chicago. None the less, he will be on the job.

Under the call of the national committee, Kansas is expected to send delegates at large to the Progressive convention, while the Republican and Democratic calls gave the state delegates at large. A total of thirteen delegates will be sent from Kansas.

White today expressed the belief that 600 Progressives would come to Topeka for the state convention next Tuesday. He predicted that most of the counties in the state would be represented, but did not venture a claim for a full delegation to the convention. The recent Republican state convention set a new record in Kansas politics, when every county responded to the roll call.

Expected 600 Delegates. "I believe nearly 600 delegates will attend the convention in Topeka next week," declared White. "The convention will select thirteen delegates and thirteen alternates to the national convention in Chicago and names of candidates for temporary chairman of the party will be named."

RAIN HEADED THIS WAY

It Will Be Accompanied by a Rise in Temperature.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock 43 11 o'clock 59
8 o'clock 50 12 o'clock 60
9 o'clock 55 1 o'clock 63
10 o'clock 57 2 o'clock 65

Temperatures today averaged 11 degrees below normal. The wind blew at the rate of 6 miles an hour from the southeast. The maximum velocity last night was 12 miles.

Rain fell last night in the western part of Kansas and was still falling in some parts this morning. The rain is expected to reach Topeka tonight and a general change in the weather is predicted. The sky was clear here this morning but will soon begin to cloud and the rain will arrive some time before noon. A heavy shower is coming with the rain, according to the weather bureau.

The minimum temperature this morning was 2 degrees below that of (Continued from Page Two.)

TWO SWISS ON SUSSEX

Germany Expresses Regret and Agrees to Pay Indemnity.

Berne, May 18.—The federal department announced that the German government has expressed its regret through the Swiss minister at Berlin that two Swiss citizens lost their lives when the British steamer Sussex was torpedoed by a German submarine.

The German government has promised to indemnify the families of the victims.

SCIENCE MICE SENT TO N. Y. TO DODGE ZEPS

New York, May 18.—Four mice, whose ancestors had been inoculated with tumor germs for fifteen years took up their residence today in the Crocker cancer research laboratory at Columbia university. They were sent here from London to escape the dangers of Zeppelin raid.

In the last German raid over London a bomb was dropped near the laboratory where the mice were being kept and it was decided to send them to the United States for fear another bomb might destroy the work of years.

WHITE OR ALLEN?

One of Two Kansans May Deliver Keynote Address

At Opening of Progressive Convention in Chicago.

Chicago, May 18.—Progressive party leaders were busy today discussing candidates for temporary chairman of the party's national convention which will be opened at the Auditorium June 7. Among those said to be under consideration to deliver the keynote address at the gathering are:

Raymond Robins of Illinois, William Allen White and Henry Allen of Kansas, Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania and Everett Colby of New Jersey.

F. P. Corrick of Omaha has been mentioned for sergeant-at-arms. The national committee of the party will meet in New York Wednesday, May 18, to select temporary officers of the convention.

With Oscar King Davis, chairman of the national Progressive committee, due here today, and Chairman Hill of the Republican committee early next week, pre-convention arrangements were rapidly taking shape.

Progressive headquarters here announced their national committee would meet at New York next Wednesday to select a keynote for the convention.

Start Early Stamped. Political leaders in the middle west see in the activities of the Roosevelt Non-Partisan league a determined effort to stampede the Progressive national convention for June 7, whether the colonel wants it that way or not.

There were stories whispered about hotel headquarters here today that the Roosevelt boom in the Republican convention will be launched the minute that the chairman calls for nominations. It was even hinted that the firework would start before the first state on the roll—"Alabama"—was called.

Announcement by the Roosevelt Non-Partisan league that Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, will take the stump for Colonel Roosevelt during the Roosevelt boom in the Republican convention, also will take the stump for Roosevelt.

Quake Rocks Italy. Rome, May 18.—An earthquake of particular violence has occurred along the Adriatic coast between Rimini and Cesena. At the latter town a dozen people were injured by the fall of a building.

"I KNOW NO RIO GRANDE"

Waukegan, Ill., May 18.—Thirty members of the Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity here today will be operated on to furnish sixty square inches of skin in an effort to save the life of Tony Lanucha, 9, who was badly scalded last week.

The county physician has said the boy would die unless the skin was supplied and the fraternity boys here volunteered to furnish it.

Tony's father was accidentally asphyxiated soon after the boy was scalded and the grief of the family in the two accidents has attracted the sympathy of the entire city.

UP TO THE HOUSE

Is Expected to Pass Big Army Conference Bill Today.

Senate Has Accepted It and Wilson Ready to Sign.

Washington, May 18.—Only approval by the house of the conference report of the army reorganization bill was necessary today to complete the legislative process last night when it adopted, without a record vote, the conference report on the measure.

Final action by the house is looked for within day or so, when the bill, the first of the administration's big preparedness measures, will be laid before President Wilson. With his approval of the bill steps immediately will be taken by secretary Baker in consultation with the army general staff, to put the measure into effect.

COST OF NEWS UP

Press Association Looks for Raise in Newspaper Cost.

Chicago, May 18.—That the war in Europe may materially increase the price of newspapers, magazines and periodicals was the belief expressed here today at a meeting of the executive committee of the Inland Daily Press association.

BASEBALL TODAY

New York, May 18.—Detroit-New York game postponed; wet grounds.

BANISH ALL ILL

That Is the Mission of New Thought Alliance.

Kansas-Oklahoma District Convention Meets Today.

New Thought, a belief not new but the oldest thing in the world, is now only in its method of presentation to the world, is the center of interest in Topeka today and Friday while the Kansas-Oklahoma district of the International New Thought Alliance is holding its first convention at Representative hall.

Many New Thought meetings have been held in Topeka but this is the first since the formation of the International New Thought Alliance.

Vernon Hendry, District Vice President of the International New Thought Alliance.

New Thought is that science wherein its members hold moments of silence when they indulge in a loving thought for the peace and healing of all lands and the brotherhood of all men.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE'S PLAN.

Abandon 5-Year Scheme and Build All Ships in 1917.

Washington, May 18.—The house naval committee today voted to abandon the five-year building program recommended by Secretary Daniels and to build five battle cruisers, ten dreadnaughts and about 25 submarines provided by the current naval bill.

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The committee unanimously adopted a resolution by Representative Hendley of Missouri, authorizing the president upon conclusion of the European war to invite the world powers to a conference to frame a court of arbitration or other body for peaceful settlement of all disputes between nations and appropriating \$200,000 for the purpose.

CHINA NEEDS COLONEL

Demand for More "Roosevelts" Given by Editor of Chinese Paper.

Durham, N. C., May 18.—"China has too many W. J. Bryans and too few Roosevelts," said Dr. Ng Poon Chew, former consul for the Chinese government, and editor of the first Chinese newspaper in America, in an address today.

He told of the necessity of China inaugurating a fighting spirit into its younger generation. He said the United States should support Roosevelt very well and China needed him.

